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Anthony M. Masiello, *Mayor*

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Mr. Kevin M. Matheis  
On-Scene Coordinator  
U.S. EPA Region II  
Removal Action Branch  
111 West Huron, Room 1114  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: 764 Kensington Avenue

Dear Mr. Matheis:

As a recipient of a U.S. EPA Brownfield Pilot Grant the City of Buffalo is requesting U.S. EPA assistance in mitigating a potentially unsafe condition at a former wholesale laundry cleaning business (Sweet Klean Laundry) located at 764 Kensington Avenue in the City of Buffalo. The City acquired the premises through the In Rem process due to tax delinquency in November 2002 (see attached Foreclosure and Title Search)

An inspection of the property, conducted by City inspectors, indicated the presence of numerous containers of unknown materials left on the property and the potential presence of an underground storage tank. The attached photographs show that some containers appear to be in poor condition, necessitating an expedient removal to prevent an unplanned release.

The inspection also indicated the presence of potential asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) and an underground storage tank on-site. Several samples of the suspected ACBM were collected and analyzed (see attached results).

I look forward to discussing potential plans for a response to the above matter and working with the EPA to safely and efficiently bring this brownfield into productive use. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the above.

Sincerely,  
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Dennis Sutton, P.G., C.P.G.  
Environmental Project Manager